

STERLING HEIGHTS NATURE CENTER • FALL 2016

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WALK-IN/VISITOR HOURS: Tuesdays thru Friday 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Saturdays 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Morning Hours: Reserved for School Field Trips & Special or Home School Field Trips.
Please call to make an appointment.

Fees are listed below. Pre-registration required for all of the following programs:

New

Adventurous Tots



Dates: TH Sept 15 - Sept 29 at the Nature Center then
TH Oct 6 – Nov. 3 at the Recreation Center
Fee: \$51/resident and \$76 /non-resident
Ref. # 1003.616 Time: 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

This NEW fun filled class for 3 ½ - 4 years olds will bring the excitement of a 3 week Nature Center class combined with 5 weeks of the fun “All by Myself” class at the Recreation Center.

STORIES WITH THE ANIMALS!



Dates: October 19, November 16, and December 14 **Time:** 10:30 a.m.
(Three, 1 hour classes meeting once a month)
Fees: \$8/resident and \$12.00/non-resident
Reference#: 7003.001 **Ages** 3 -6 years old.

Gather around our “stuffed animal pit” as we read a nature-related story. Followed by a special activity and featured craft. These programs are an excellent introduction to the wonders of nature. Bring your favorite “stuffed animal” to join you.

Back by popular demand

Saturday afternoon movies@ 2 p.m. and FREE!!!

**Great for families and scout groups.*

September 10	A World Alive Narrated by James Earl Jones
October 8	The Crocodile Hunter “Africa’s Deadliest Snakes”
November 19	“Beavers” The Biggest Dam Movie You Ever Saw.
December 10	Animal Holiday * First 25 participants to register will be able to make a birdhouses, courtesy of Home Depot. Call 586-446-2710 to register. This is a free program.



Let’s Feed the Animals

Dates: Saturdays, Sept. 24 and Nov 5 **Time:** 2:00 p.m.

How much does the snapping turtle eat? What do we feed the snakes? Is a turtle a fast eater? Find out all of the answers as you watch us feed all our animals and answer all of your feeding questions.
This is a FREE program.

SATURDAY FAMILY PROGRAMS AT THE NATURE CENTER

Saturday, September 17– Anytime between 12 noon till 4 p.m. --- *Art & Seek*

Let's decorate our sidewalk! Come in any time between noon and 4 p.m. Please bring your own chalk to create your own one-of-a-kind animal masterpiece. Then try your luck doing an outside scavenger hunt. Check with the Naturalist to see how you did and enjoy some light refreshments. This is a free.

Saturday, October 1 at 10 a.m. --- *Bird walk with Optical(s)*

Come out and let's take a Bird walk with DNR wildlife specialist Holly Vahn. This bird walk is sponsored by Wild Birds Unlimited of Macomb and they will bring some high quality binoculars for us to use during the walk. Come back to the Nature Center and Wild Birds Unlimited has included some refreshments for us to enjoy while looking at our own bird feeders and seeing what is flying around. This is a free family program.

Saturday, October 15 at 1:00 p. m. ---- *Pumpkin Science*

Lets explore and observe pumpkins with this hands on approach. Will the pumpkin float? Just how many seeds are in a small pumpkin compared to a larger one? We will even create a volcano out of the pumpkin.

Come and get pumpkin messy with us. This program is good for children 5 years and up. (Adults need to stay with the kids during the program.) This is a free program.

Saturday, November 12 starting at 2 p.m. ---- *Let's Hike*

Mr. Animal says, "Ever wonder where we wander in the winter? Where do we go-what do we do!!" Follow along on a nature hike as we discuss the effects of winter. Be prepared to be outside and hike the (unpaved) trails. This is a free program.

Saturday, December 17 at 2 p.m. ---- *"First Snow in the Woods."*

Come enjoy this great movie; "First Snow in the Woods", followed by making some winter crafts helping the animals prepare for winter. Cost is \$8.00 per person making the crafts. Pre-registration is required. Ref#: 7003.002

Nature Center Birthday Parties

Are you looking for a unique location for hosting your child's birthday party?

The Nature Center hosts parties on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (noon) for up to twenty children.

Included in the cost are a live amphibian/reptile presentation and an indoor scavenger hunt.

A deposit of \$20 is required to secure your date. For more information or to book a party, please call the Nature Center to speak with a staff member.

Fee: \$118 resident party, \$153 non-resident party



Registration for classes can be done online at www.sterling-heights.net, by visiting the Parks and Recreation Building in Dodge Park or at the Nature Center. Please sign up early for programs, as space is limited.